



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

**Southern California Edison, Ormond Beach Generating Station
Oxnard, California**



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 27 through March 30, 2009

What is being proposed? - The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a draft Plan called the Closure Plan for the regulatory closure of three wastewater retention basins and associated pipelines (retention basins) for the former Southern California Edison (Edison), Ormond Beach Generating Station. The retention basins will not be removed because they support ongoing generating station operation. The generating station located at 6635 Edison Drive, in Oxnard, California was built in 1971.

The retention basins were historically used to store waste water that may have contained small amounts of oil, grease, suspended solids, and which occasionally, temporarily stored metals and acidic solutions. Waste water containing only oil, grease, and suspended solids, was and continues to be discharged to the Pacific Ocean under the provisions of a National Pollutants Discharge Elimination System permit issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The metals and acidic solutions were never discharged to the ocean. The draft Plan describes how Edison will determine if past operation of the basins resulted in soil contamination and, if necessary, how it will conduct cleanup. The draft Plan also describes how groundwater contaminated with a solvent stabilizer will be treated to acceptable levels. The draft Plan was prepared in response to a settlement between Edison and DTSC that affected eleven generating stations, including the Ormond Beach Generating Station.

DTSC regulates the creation, storage, treatment, and removal of hazardous waste in California.

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DTSC conducted a study to find out whether the closure of the retention basins would harm the environment as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on this study, DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. The NOE states that the regulatory closure of the retention basins and associated pipelines will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment.

How do I participate? – The public comment period start on February 27, 2009 and end on March 30, 2009. Written comments must be postmarked or emailed by March 30, 2009 and sent to: Christine Bucklin, DTSC Project Manager, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311 or by email to: cbucklin@dtsc.ca.gov.

Where do I get more information? - Copies of the draft Closure Plan, draft Notice of Exemption, and other documents related to the site are available for review at the Help Desk, 2nd Floor, City of Oxnard Main Library, located at 251 South A Street in Oxnard, telephone (805) 385-7636. The administrative record is available for review Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the DTSC Regional Records Room, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, California 91311. Call Ms. Viven Tutaan at (818) 717-6521 for an appointment.

For additional information: - If you have any questions or wish to discuss this project, please contact: Christine Bucklin, Project Manager, (818) 717-6599 or email: cbucklin@dtsc.ca.gov or Ms. Maya Akula, Public Participation Specialist, (818) 717-6566 or or toll-free 1(866) 495-5651, press 3 then 1, email: makula@dtsc.ca.gov. Media inquires, please contact Ms. Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at 818-717-6573 or JGarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.

Notice to the Hearing Impaired:

TDD users can obtain additional information by using the California Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) to reach Maya Akula at (818) 717-6566.